

HARVARD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF DESIGN

FALL 2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
						1	2	
AUGUST	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
	Required ARCH CORE Pre-Term Workshop (August 3-7)							
	10	11	12	13 Option Studio and Course Lotteries Open at 9 a.m.	14	15	16	
	Required ARCH CORE/MAUD/MLAUD/MUP/MDE/MLA Pre-Term Workshop (August 10-14)							
	17	18 Option Studio Lottery closes at 9 a.m.	19 Option Studio Lottery results posted by the end of the day	20	21	22	23	
	Optional MRE Pre-Term Workshop (August 17-20)			Required ARCH CORE/MAUD/MLAUD/MUP/MDE/MLA Pre-Term Workshop (August 17-21)				
	24	25	26	27 MDES Advanced Course Selection Closes at 9 a.m.	28 Limited-Enrollment Course Lottery Closes at 9 a.m. MRE Practicum Ends	29 Open Enrollment Period Begins	30	
	Required New Student Orientation (August 26-28, 31, September 1)							
SEPTEMBER	31	1	2 Classes Begin (Monday schedule) Student Check In Deadline DP-SF / DP	3 Dean's Welcome Back Event	4	5	6	
	Required New Student Orientation (August 26-31, September 1)							
	7 Labor Day, No classes	8 EC	9 Fall Class Selections Due (\$15 add/drop flat fee after this date) MDES / DDES / PhD	10	11 Rosh Hashana (Begins Sunset)	12	13 Rosh Hashana (Ends Evening)	
	14	15	16 Last Day to Add/Drop F1 and Full Term Classes (\$30 fee per transaction after this date) SFC / FF	17	18	19	20 Yom Kippur (Begins Sunset)	
	21 Yom Kippur (Ends Evening)	22 F1 Class Withdrawal Deadline EC	23	24	25	26	27 Alumni Council Meeting	
	GSD Comeback: Alumni & Friends Celebration							
	28	29 Full Term Class Withdrawal Deadline	30 DP-SF / DP-DV	1	2	3	4	
OCTOBER	5	6 EC	7 MDES-DV / DDES-DV / PhD	8	9	10	11	
	Preferred Studio Trips Week (October 5-9)							
	12 Indigenous Peoples' Day No Classes Offices Closed	13	14 SFC / FF-DV	15	16	17	18	
	19 F1 Classes End	20 F2 Classes Begin EC	21 DP-SF / SAAC	22	23	24	25	
	26 F2 Class Selections Due (\$15 add/drop flat fee after this date)	27 MDE Open House (virtual)	28 MDES / DDES / PhD	29 MDes Open House (virtual)	30 MAUD/MLAUD, MUP, MRE Open House (virtual)	31	1 Spring 27 LOA Petition Deadline	
NOVEMBER	2 Last Day to Add/Drop F2 Classes (\$30 fee per transaction after this date)	3 EC	4 SFC	5 MLA, DDes Open House (virtual) F2 Class Withdrawal Deadline	6 March Open House (virtual)	7	8	
	9 F2 Class Withdrawal Deadline	10	11 Veterans Day Classes Meet, No Studio Reviews, Offices Closed	12	13	14	15	
	16	17 EC	18 DP-SF / DP	19	20	21	22	
	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day Offices Closed	27 Offices Closed	28	29	
	Thanksgiving Recess (November 25-27)							
DECEMBER	30	1 EC	2 SFC / FF	3 Full Term and F2 Classes End	4 FAS Classes End	5	6	
	Core Studio Reviews (Dec. 4, 7, 8)							
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
	Option Studio Reviews (December 8-10)			Final Exams (December 11, 14-16)				
	Core Reviews (December 4, 7-8)			Final Exams (December 11, 14-16)				
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
	Final Exams (December 11, 14-16)			Thesis Reviews (December 17-18)				
	21	22	23 Winter Recess Begins GSD Closes for students at 11:59 p.m.	24 Christmas Eve GSD Offices close at noon	25 Christmas Day	26	27	

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

SPRING 2027

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	28	29	30	31	1 New Year's Day	2	3
JANUARY	4 Winter Recess Ends GSD Reopens at 8 a.m. MRE January Classes Begin Fall Grades Due	5	6	7 Option Studio, MDes Open Project, and Course Lotteries Open at 9 a.m.	8	9	10
	J-Term (January 4 - 16)						
	11	12	13 Option Studio Lottery Closes at 9 a.m.	14 Option Studio Results posted by the end of the day	15	16	17
	J-Term (January 4 - 16)						
	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Offices Closed	19 MDES Open Projects Lottery Closes at 9 a.m.	20 MDES Advanced Course Selection Closes at 9 a.m.	21 Limited-Enrollment Course Lottery Closes at 9 a.m.	22 Open Enrollment Period Begins MRE January Classes End	23	24
	Required MLA Pre-Term Workshop (January 19-23)						
	25 Spring Classes/Full Term and S1 Begin	26 EC	27 DP-SF / MDES-DV / DDES-DV / PhD	28	29 Spring Class Selections Due (\$15 add/drop flat fee after this date)	30	31
FEBRUARY	1	2	3 FF	4	5 Last Day to Add/Drop S1 and Full Term Classes (\$30 fee per transaction after this date)	6 Lunar New Year	7 Ramadan Begins
	8	9 EC	10 SFC / DP-DV	11	12 S1 Class Withdrawal Deadline	13	14
	15 Presidents' Day No Classes - Offices Closed	16	17 DP-SF / FF-DV	18	19 Full Term Class Withdrawal Deadline	20	21
	22	23 EC	24 MDES / DDES / PhD	25	26	27	28
	Preferred Studio Trips Week (February 22-26)						
MARCH	1	2	3 SFC / SAAC	4	5 Job and Internship Fair	6	7
	8 S1 Classes End Ramadan Ends	9 S2 Classes Begin EC	10 DP-SF / DP	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Spring Recess (March 15-19)						
	22 S2 Class Selections Due (\$15 add/drop flat fee after this date)	23 EC	24 SFC / FF	25	26 Good Friday	27	28 Easter
	29 Last Day to Add/Drop S2 Classes	30	31 DP-SF / DP	1 MDE Open House (in-person), DDes, PhD Open House (virtual)	2 March, MLA, MRE, MAUD/MLAUD, MUP, MDes Open House (in-person)	3	4
APRIL	5 S2 Class Withdrawal Deadline	6 EC	7 SFC / MDES / DDES / PhD	8	9	10	11
	Alumni Council Meeting (April 9-10)						
	12	13	14 DP-SF / FF	15	16	17	18
	19	20 EC	21 Passover (Begins Sunset)	22	23	24	25
	26 Full Term and S2 Classes End	27 GSD Community BBQ SFC	28 FAS Classes End	29 Passover (Ends Evening)	30	1 Fall 27 LOA Petition Deadline	2
	Core Reviews April 28-30						
MAY	3	4	5 SFC / FF / EC	6	7	8	9
	Option Studio Reviews (April 30, May 3-4)			Final Exams (May 5-7, 10)			
	10	11 MRE May Classes Begin	12 Spring Grades Due	13 Arch & UPD Thesis Reviews	14 Arch & LA Thesis Reviews	15	16
	MDE IDEP Reviews (May 10-11)						
	Final Exams (May 5-7, 10)		MDes Open Projects Reviews (May 11-12)		Thesis Reviews (May 13-14)		
	17 Thesis Grades due by 6 p.m.	18	19	20 DDES-DV (9 a.m.-10 a.m.) MDES-DV (10 a.m.-12 p.m.) MDE-DV (12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.) LA-DV (12:30 p.m.-3 p.m.)	21 ARCH-DV (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) UPD-DV (12:30 p.m.-3 p.m.) MRE May Classes End	22	23
	24	25 EC / FF-DV	26 GSD Class Day	27 Commencement	28	29	30
	31 Memorial Day						

DP = Dept 12-1:30 p.m. DP-SF = Dept./Sr. Faculty 8:30-10 a.m. FF = Full Faculty 12-1:30 p.m. SFC = Senior Faculty Council 8:30-10 a.m. DV = Degree Vote EC = Executive Committee 12-1:30 p.m. F1 = Fall Module 1 F2 = Fall Module 2

MDES 12-1:30 DDES 2-3 p.m. PhD 3:30-4:30 p.m.

SAAC = Student Academic Affairs Committee 12-1:30 p.m.

S1 = Spring Module 1 S2 = Spring Module 2